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Claims

I Claim:

1.(amended) A circular solids retention screen for removable use with a comparably sized liquid drinking circular vessel defined by an inner tapered wall, to allow separation of liquid from solids contained within said vessel, said retention screen comprising a  
5 continuous circular, flexible, elastomeric ring, said ring constructed of an annular base portion with a continuous tapered portion extending radially outwardly from said base portion, and a central, liquid passing screen portion secured from said base portion, wherein said ring is sized to be recessed into said vessel in intimate contact with said tapered wall.

2.(orig) The circular solids retention screen according to claim 1, wherein said tapered portion terminates at a thin edge to allow for flexing thereof into intimate contact with said vessel.

3.(orig) The circular solids retention screen according to claim 1, wherein said liquid passing screen portion contains selected indicia.

4.(amended) In combination with a generally circular , liquid drinking vessel featuring a base and a continuous upstanding , internal tapered wall terminating ~~[is]~~ in a continuous rim defining an opening for accessing said vessel, a circular retention screen comprising a continuous  
5 circular, flexible, elastomeric ring, said ring constructed of an annular base portion with a continuous tapered portion extending radially outwardly from said base portion for contacting said internal tapered upstanding wall, and a central, liquid passing screen portion secured from said base portion.

5.(orig) The combination according to claim 4, wherein said tapered portion terminates at a thin edge to allow for flexing thereof into intimate contact with said upstanding wall.

6.(orig) The combination according to claim 4, wherein said liquid passing screen portion contains selected indicia.